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1. [] Mr. Wayne Birdsell, Ward & Paul, called. He said that his company's security procedures were being governed more and more "by Baltimore." He said in accordance with recent instructions, their company is to obtain from departments and agencies for whom classified transcripts may be prepared, lists of the names of people authorized to receive these transcripts. This would include both couriers and professional people. I told Birdsell that I would take this up internally and be in touch with him. (We are discussing this with the Office of Security.)

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2. [] Per his request, sixteen copies of the Soviet economy paper were handcarried to Mr. James Knowles, of the Joint Economic Committee staff, for distribution to the JEC members. Knowles also was given a suggested note to accompany each copy giving the background which led up to the preparation of this paper.

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3. [] Talked with Mr. Mahon and discussed the proposed agenda for Wednesday's meeting. He thought this sounded fine and had no additional suggestions. I also indicated the Director was considering discussing a sensitive source of some of the intelligence (which source Mahon knew about from his CIA Subcommittee briefings). Mr. Mahon queried whether there had ever been official confirmation of this and I indicated there had not. Mr. Mahon was obviously concerned on two counts - (1) if the Director were to brief on this "it would leak within a week" and (2) Mr. Cannon who preferred that the Director not brief the Mahon Subcommittee. In fact Mr. Mahon added that he has not informed Mr. Cannon that the Director will appear before the Mahon Subcommittee. Also discussed timing with Mr. Mahon and this offered no problem. Also mentioned the substance of Russell's view on the Agency budget from Friday's discussions and Mr. Mahon stated this sounded about the way Senator Russell had talked before.

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4. [] Talked with Bob Michaels concerning arrangements for Wednesday's hearing. I indicated the timing factors which had been discussed with Mr. Mahon. I also discussed the matter of a sweep of the room. Michaels indicated the FBI, at Cannon's request, had done the room today. In view of the technical aspects of this, I inquired about at least permitting the Agency to monitor since we could not do a sweep on Wednesday morning. This was a sufficiently important matter that we met briefly with Mr. Mahon to discuss it and he concurred in the monitoring which should be handled most carefully.

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5. [] Talked with Chairman Vinson. The purpose of my talk was to discuss the recent articles concerning the Soviet economy which are attributed to the Agency and the briefing at the Agency of press representatives. I explained the background of this and Mr. McCone's current view (all as expressed by Mr. McCone to Senator Russell). Mr. Vinson agreed that this was the proper course for the Director to take. I spent an additional 45 minutes with Mr. Vinson since he appeared to want to ask a variety of questions ranging from Panama to Soviet intelligence. Mr. Vinson asked me to give his regard to the Director. 25X1

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